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PRODUCTION OF COTTON TEXTILES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a gradual decline in the production of cotton textiles in the country during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to bring the production at its previous level?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) : The production of cotton cloth in the country fluctuated during the last four years. The details of production of cotton cloth during the last few years are given below:-

Year	Cotton cloth production (Million Square. Mtr)
1996-97	19841
1997-98	19992
1998-99	17948
1999-2000	18989

The productions of cotton cloth, largely depends on availability and prices of raw cotton as raw material, cost of other inputs, demand in the domestic and international markets and imports.

(c) : In order to improve the production of cotton textiles in the country, the government has launched the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) to improve the production, productivity and quality of cotton, ensuring the availability of quality cotton to the textile mills. For modernisation of textile and jute industries including cotton textile industries, the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been launched w.e.f., 1.4.99 for a period of 5 years. A chain of textile testing laboratories have been set up to help industry in assessing the quality of textiles. For import of capital goods, the Export Promotion of Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme has been simplified. Import of cotton is also under OGL to help industry to import requisite quality of raw cotton.